Sale of paddy at low prices

*97. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(,a) whether Government are aware of distress *sale* of paddy at price between Rs. 120 and Rs- I25 a quintal which is very low compared to the support price of Rs. 142;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has not effectively entered into the market this season; and

(c)i if so, what are the details of the procurement of paddy by the Food Corporation of India in various States during the current season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government have not received any reports of distress sale of paddy conforming to the prescribed specifications.

(b) No, Sir. The Food Corporation of India has been purchasing all grains conforming to Government of India specifications offered for sale at their purchase centres.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. *(See beiow)*

Statement

Procurement of paddy by FCI during 1985-86 *Marketing Season*

(Position as on 19-11-1985) (In '000 tonnes)

State/Union Territory	Quantity Procured
Andhra Pradesh . . .	0·1
Haryana	22·3
Punjab	1636·4
Uttar Pradesh. . . .	2·0
Pondicherry	0
TOTAL :	1661·4

Proposal from Haryana Government for linking' of Ganga and Yamuna

98. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a proposal from the Haryana Government for linking Ganga and Yamuna to meet the shortage of water in Yamuna for Haryana and Rajasthan; and

(b> if so, what action the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 1 and (b) A proposal for diversion of surplus flood waters of the Ganga to Yamuna for Haryana and Rajasthan has been received and is under examination by an Expert Committee.

International drinking water and sanitation decade

*99. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Drinking Water and Sanitation De cade targets of providing drinking water and sanitation failcities to the urban population in the country are likely to be achieved; and

(b) whether adequate funds have been allocated to achieve the targets within the stipulated time?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a), and (b) The original objective of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1981—91) was to provide safe and adequate drinking water to 100 per cent of the urban population and sewerage/Sanitation facilities to 80 per cent of the urban